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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated August 19, 2004. The Examiner contends that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a catalsyt, classified in class 423, subclass 448.
- II. Claims 6-10, 25-29 drawn to treating catalyst with gas, classified in class 423, subclass 418.2.
- III. Claims 11-19, drawn to chemical processes, classified in class various, subclass various.
  - IV. Claims 20-24, drawn to isomerization, classified in class 585, subclass 1+.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Claims 6-10 and 25-29 which are Group II Claims.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement. Examiner all claims in a single application would not place an undue burden on the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Thus, applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this requirement for restriction.

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